

## **Amendments to the Specification**

*Please replace paragraph [0002] with the following amended paragraph:*

[0002] Although the scope of the claimed subject matter is not limited in this respect, it is noted that some embodiments may include subject matter from the following co-pending applications: a first patent application with a serial number of 10/833,963, and with a Title of “**Simplified Two-Hop Protocol**”, ~~attorney docket P15925 and~~ with the inventor Ling Cen.